

# NEWS FROM RICHMOND AND OTHER PARTS OF VIRGINIA

## TOWN OF SUFFOLK

### A Reign of Terror Among Suburban Residents.

**Home of a Lonely Colored Woman Fired on and Stormed With Brick-Bats—Five Toes Cut Off—Question Sewerage Unsettled.**

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Suffolk, Va., April 3.—The career of suburban crime and terror continues unabated. The bad people got in work last night in East Suffolk and in West Suffolk. None of the law-breakers have been caught as yet.

Living alone without masculine protection and in a locality favorable for wrong doing, Sarah Wilkins, a colored woman, was last night the victim of miscreants. Sarah lives in West Suffolk in a secluded house that was formerly used as a pest place. Last night she had with her Lillie Cadden, a young girl. The early evening passed without incident. After a while the report of a gun-shot startled the community. Some one was firing on the lonely woman. There were marks of gun-shot about the door. Afterwards there was a brick-bat fusillade. One brick went through the house into a sitting-room.

The inmates were scared almost witless. They fled into the night and did not return. Sarah Wilkins has a suspicion as to the identity of the guilty person. She thinks the attack was made for revenge.

### LOVE CHICKEN PIE.

In East Suffolk another burglar or burglar contented himself with chickens, and did not disturb the human residents. The chicken-house of Mrs. Spencer, who lives on Beech street, was entered and her flock was decimated. Only two or three fowls were left. Mrs. Spencer found the house door locked. The robber closed it, perhaps, to keep other thieves from getting what he could not carry away.

### FIVE TOES MASHED OFF.

Cornelius Norfleet, 45 years old, this evening at 6:15 o'clock had all the toes of one foot mashed off on the Suffolk and Carolina railroad. Norfleet was sitting above the engine pilot. The train jumped off his jacket caught in the flag-staff pocket and the left foot caught under the car wheels.

Norfleet was taken to his home on Liberty street, where Dr. Frank W. Whitehead rendered surgical attention. The foot will be saved.

### CANDIDATE AYCOCK TALKS.

They had a big political meeting at Gatesville, N. C., yesterday, when the principal speaker was Hon. C. B. Aycock, former United States District Attorney, and at present a prominent candidate for Governor of the State. Mr. Aycock lives in Goldsboro. Yesterday was commissioner's court day, and there was also a convention of Democrats.

Hon. Mr. Aycock touched eloquently on the issues of the campaign and paid especial attention to the constitutional amendment question. The speaker argued in favor of the amendment and spoke strongly against the exercise of franchise being exerted by ignorant and vicious persons. He believes there ought to be restrictions thrown about the ballot box business. The orator was enthusiastically applauded.

### SEWER OR NO SEWER.

The question which came before a Council committee this morning was sewer or no sewer. G. S. P. Holland, W. B. Ferguson and J. B. Pinner had been argued to look into the feasibility of building a sewer about 600 feet northwest from Pinner street, and to determine how much of such expense should in equity be paid by the town.

The committee met in the office of Town Attorney Burges. There were present a number of property owners and their representatives. Colonel R. S. Boykin made a speech. The sewer building is thought well of by Messrs. George I. Parker, John B. Pinner and James L. McLemore, of the property owners. Messrs. Frank T. Jones, Henry Jones and W. W. Briggs oppose its construction. Some of the owners were not represented.

The committee will consider the matter and will have a report ready by Friday night, when the Council meets.

### "SAID PASHA."

The Herald Square Opera Company closed their engagement here to-night with "Said Pasha." The opera was very enjoyable, but the crowd was not what it should have been. Miss Mae Glover as Serena did almost stellar work. Harry Carter as Hassen Bey was acceptable and the comedians, Callahan and Williams, did well.

### PEANUT CAR WRECKED.

A freight car on the Seaboard Air Line this afternoon got over on the main line near the Suffolk depot and delayed transportation for a while. The passenger train due here at 4:45 was held a short time. The car was loaded with peanuts, which were piled beside the tracks. A wrecking train soon arrived and the track was cleared. Boys who had gathered ate peanuts while they could.

### SHORT ITEMS.

The Suffolk Literary Club will meet to-morrow afternoon with Mrs. John B. Pinner, on Brooklyn Heights. The readers for the day are Miss Lizzie Britt and Mrs. J. L. McLemore. Lucy Manley, a well-liked colored cook, who had spent her long life cooking good things for Suffolk families, died early this morning.

County Treasurer S. T. Ellis was better to-day. There is some interest about Smithfield and Battery Park about the choosing of an oyster inspector.

Rev. John Stanly Thomas has moved his home with Mr. John King, on Main street, near Institute.

Captain C. C. Vaughan, Jr., of Franklin, has finished a stay with Suffolk friends.

Miss Wilkins, of Eastville, Va., was in Suffolk yesterday.

### BOYKINS.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Boykins, Va., April 3.—Yesterday afternoon the smokehouse and adjoining storehouses of Mr. Alex Knight's were burned, entailing a loss of about \$8,000. With great difficulty the residence was saved. Mr. Knight is a prosperous and highly esteemed farmer near this place. There was no insurance on the burned property.

## PETERSBURG.

### DANGEROUS FUN-STREET RAILWAY EXTENSION—VISITORS.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.) Petersburg, Va., April 3.—Joseph Bolling, colored, aged fifteen years, residing in Pocahontas, placed some powder on a log yesterday and then applied a match. An explosion followed and Bolling was horribly burned about the face and will in all probability lose one of his eyes.

The dwelling of Mr. Thomas Roberts, in Prince George county, about six miles from Petersburg, was destroyed by fire yesterday, with most of the household effects. There was no one in the house at the time the fire occurred but several children. The fire originated from a defective flue. The loss will amount to between \$400 and \$500.

**STREET RAILWAY EXTENSION.** The Southside Railway and Development Company, by whom the electric line here is operated, are contemplating extending its lines and establishing a park in some desirable locality. The proposed improvement will cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

### WANT TO BORROW.

At the meeting of the Common Council last night the Finance Committee was authorized to borrow \$25,000, or at least so much of that amount as may be necessary to meet the expenditures of the city. There is now a balance to the credit of the city of about \$16,000. The Council at its meeting last night authorized the Committee on Gas and Light to enter into a contract with the Southside Railway and Development Company for lighting the city with electricity for three years at a cost of \$67 per year for each arch light of 1,200 candle power, the light to burn every night and all night.

### BRIEF MENTION.

During the past month the police made 174 arrests.

A fire occurred last night at the Potomac Fireworks factory, in Prince George county, just outside of the corporate limits. The boiler room and saw room were destroyed, together with some machinery and material. How the fire originated is not known.

Six gondolas of an Eastbound freight train on the Norfolk and Western railroad, loaded with coal, were derailed and wrecked this morning about 3 o'clock near Tuggle's Tank, a short distance from Farmville. Just before the wreck occurred two flat cars of the same train were wrecked. No one was injured.

The total sales of loose tobacco at the different warehouses in Petersburg for the past six months, from October 1st, 1899, to April 1st, 1900, was 2,273,350 pounds. The total net gain in 1900 over 1899 was 255,159 pounds.

### UNION VETERANS ARRIVE.

The members of the Wilcox Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Springfield, Mass., arrived here this evening, and were met at the depot by members of A. P. Hill Camp of Confederate Veterans and escorted to the Shirley Hotel, where they will be quartered. To-night an informal reception was held in the parlors of the Shirley, where the visitors were called on by a number of our citizens. The visitors, accompanied by Judge J. M. Mullen, of the Hastings Court of this city, and Messrs. Carter R. Bishop, Henry Roper and Simon Seward, will leave here tomorrow morning for City Point, where the party will take the steamer Pocahontas for Jamestown, Old Point and Newport News, and will return to Petersburg Thursday.

### THE SEVENTH DISTRICT.

**REPUBLICANS FAVOR GENERAL ROSSER FOR CONGRESS.**

(Special to the Virginian-Pilot.) Richmond, Va., April 3.—The Seventh district Republicans at Front Royal to-day decided it inexpedient to nominate a candidate for Congress at this time and adjourned to meet at Luray September 8th to further consider the nomination. A card was circulated through the convention, recommending the nomination of General Thomas L. Rosser, "an administration Democrat." It is not known whether this was with General Rosser's consent or not. George E. Bowden was endorsed for National Committeeman.

### NEWPORT NEWS.

**THE KEARSARGE AGAIN GOES TO SEA.**

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Newport News, Va., April 3.—The battleship Kearsarge went to sea again this morning for her final acceptance trial. The Board of Inspection arrived at an early hour and went immediately aboard, and at 9:45 o'clock the Kearsarge proceeded to sea.

She will be out for forty-eight hours for an exhaustive test of both her turrets and seagoing qualities.

### OTIS HEARD FROM.

**PROGRESS OF WAR IN THE PHILIPPINES.**

(By telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Washington, April 3.—General Otis has cabled to the War Department, probably with a view to correcting erroneous impressions that exist in this country as to the state of the insurrection in the Philippines, a summary of the result of the development of the campaign since the first of the calendar year. His figures go far toward offsetting the belief that exists in some quarters that since the adoption of guerilla methods of warfare the insurgents have inflicted substantial loss upon American arms in comparison with the punishment which they have themselves received. A significant sentence in the report differentiates insurgents and Ladrones, showing that Otis has taken cognizance of the fact that a considerable number of the hostiles are not soldiers under the rules of war, and may not expect the same treatment. The report, which is dated Manila, April 3d, is as follows:

"Since January 1st 124 skirmishes in the Philippines have been reported, mostly very slight affairs. Our casualties were three officers and 78 enlisted men killed; 13 officers and 151 men wounded. Insurgent and Ladrones loss in killed and left on field, 1,426; captured, mostly wounded, 1,453; small arms secured, 3,051; pieces of artillery, 165; large captures of other insurgent property. A number of important insurgent officers are surrendering, and the situation is gradually becoming more pacific."

## APPEAL TO CONGRESS

### Delay in Bringing Conspiracy Cases to Trial Censured.

**Grand Jury of United States Court For District of Georgia Makes a Special Presentation, Founded on the Carter Conspiracy Cases—Judge Speer's Position.**

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Savannah, Ga., April 3.—As a consequence of the action taken to-day by the United States District Court, Judge Speer, in session here, the attention of Congress will be at once called to the delay in the case of B. D. Greene, J. F. Gaynor, E. H. Gaynor, W. T. Gaynor, of New York; ex-Captain O. M. Carter and others for alleged conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the improvements in Savannah river and harbor and Cumberland sound. It was developed during the proceedings that the attention of President McKinley himself had been directed to the matter as long ago as last December in a letter written to him by Judge Speer.

### GRAND JURY MOVES.

The grand jury made a special presentation, in which it asks that Congress amend the laws of the United States so that something can be done to bring men indicted by the United States grand juries from one State to another without such lengthy delays. It also pointedly criticises United States Commissioner Shields in holding up for so long a time the hearings before him, and Judge Addison Brown, of New York, for his dilatoriness in arriving at a decision in the matter. The grand jury requests that his presentation be sent to the President, the Attorney-General and the Senators and Representatives in Congress with a request that they take whatever steps in the premises they may deem to be necessary.

### THE PRESENTMENT.

The presentment recounts that "on December 8, 1899, the grand jurors of the United States for this district returned a true bill of indictment against Benjamin D. Greene, Edward H. Gaynor, John F. Gaynor, William T. Gaynor and others, contractors, charged with conspiracy with Oberlin M. Carter, engineer officer in charge of river and harbor improvements in this district, through which it is charged the government has been defrauded to the amount of several million dollars of the moneys appropriated by Congress for the improvement of the harbor of Savannah, Brunswick and Cumberland Sound."

On December 14th the defendants were arrested in New York and taken before Commissioner Shields.


The disposition of such matters, by requiring the defendants to give bail for appearance at the court where the indictment had been found, or by warrant of removal where bail is not given, has generally been, as this body is advised, a matter simply of identifying the defendants as the persons indicted and examining into the legal sufficiency of the indictment, usually taking but a day or two at most. This body is informed, however, that the proceedings in New York in this matter have been dragging along now for over three months and a half. The commissioner holding his finding up two months, and since his decision the matter of issuing the warrant of removal having been pending before the District Judge there for over six weeks with no decision thereon. In the meantime the defendants are at large on bond there in the sums of \$20,000 and \$10,000 only, respectively, while it is stated that a careful estimate made by the engineer officer now in charge of the district indicates that the defendants obtained illegally during the years from 1891 to 1897 sums aggregating \$2,532,675. If the indictment be valid there should have been a prompt removal.

"No court has held the indictment defective. If defective, as it is stated, the defendants claim in opposition to the proceedings for removal, there would seem to be overwhelming reasons why there should have been prompt action on the part of the courts. It appears upon the face of the indictment that against all the acts charged in the indictment the statute of limitations will have run within three months from this date, and has already run on some of the acts charged. If defective in form a prompt decision would have enabled another grand jury to make a new presentment. But with the delays already had—three months and a half on the simple proceedings before the commissioner and judge under section 1014 of the revised statutes—and with probable applications for habeas corpus, it is probable that if the courts finally conclude the present indictment is defective that the Statute of Limitations will have run and the parties charged by a grand jury of the United States with the most gigantic fraud of the century against the Government will escape even arraignment before the bar of justice."

### A COMPARISON.

The presentment calls attention to the fact "that since these proceedings were instituted in New York a defendant indicted in a State court in Georgia for embezzling some \$20,000 was arrested in the jurisdiction of the Sultan of Morocco and extradited across the

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### JUDGE SPEER'S EXPLANATION.

In his reply to the presentment Judge Speer said, in part:

"When I was officially informed of the direction which this case was taking in New York before the commissioner, on December 26 last, I promptly wrote the President, referring to his constitutional power to take care that the law be faithfully executed, and calling his attention to what seemed to me in this case to be an interference with that faithful execution, and an instance of disregard of the lawful process of the United States District Court, which is acquiesced in so that it would become an established practice, and would, in my judgment, entail most serious consequences to the administration of justice and the enforcement of the criminal laws of the United States. The President promptly acted upon my letter, and immediately referred it to the personal attention of the Attorney-General, and advised me of that fact, and the Attorney-General directly intervened, through his subordinate law officers, as you state in your presentments, has done all in his power to cause the removal of the parties accused, so that they may be 'held to answer' in the language of the Constitution for the crime with which they are indicted."

"Judge Brown is widely known to be a learned and conscientious judge. I am quite sure, however, if he appreciated the serious embarrassment to this court which has resulted in the delay and the danger to the proper trial of the accused, and especially the possibility of serious reproach to the administration of the law in these courts to which your presentments refer, I am quite sure the learned and conscientious judge would have found some means to expedite the determination of the matter pending before him, and would have reached a decision in accordance with his conception of the law."

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